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ATF ANNOUNCES ARREST, INDICTMENT OF TWO SUSPECTS IN FIREARMS/NARCOTICS CASE

LAS VEGAS – Special Agent in Charge Paul J. Vido of the San Francisco Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today that a Las Vegas man and woman have been arrested and indicted on firearms and narcotics charges.

Dave Arndt, 33, and Holly Anna Cizl, 18, both of Las Vegas, were indicted by a federal grand jury here yesterday on multiple counts, including conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and distribution of a controlled substance. Arndt was also charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The defendants were arrested Sept. 8 following a four-month criminal investigation. On the same day, ATF's Special Response Team also served a search warrant on the suspects' residence and recovered controlled substances, a loaded semiautomatic pistol, and nearly \$3,000 in U.S. currency. The defendants are in custody, and are scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge George W. Foley Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m. for an arraignment and plea hearing.

The case was one of the many investigations initiated as part of the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) initiative in Las Vegas, one of 21 cities in the country where ATF and its state and local partners are coordinating efforts to reduce violent crime. The VCIT initiative, launched in June 2004, uses a combination of innovative technology and integrated federal, state and local law enforcement resources to identify, arrest and prosecute violent criminals.

"These VCIT teams, using ATF special agents, Las Vegas Metro Police Officers and other law enforcement partners are meant to disrupt criminal activity and get firearms off the streets," Vido said. "Case by case we are doing just that."

ATF was supported in this investigation by the Las Vegas Metro Police Department (Gang and K-9 Units), United States Probation Office, United States Marshal's Service, Nevada National Guard, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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The investigation continues and additional arrests and changes may be forthcoming.

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